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FLYNN URGES WELFARE FOR MORE TEAMSTERS



THOMAS E. FLYNN

Meeting with the Indiana Conference of Teamsters December 23, Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to the president, praised the Indiana committee on the Central States Conference of Teamsters for helping obtain the new over-the-road contract, with its history-making health and welfare clause.

This clause, he said, should be extended to many other Hoosier Teamsters in new state-wide agreements now open or possible in the near future.

Mr. Flynn explained how the two-year contract containing the clause was concluded in Chicago for the 12 state area and an identical one three days later by the Southern Conference of 10 states, covering truck drivers in a total of 22 states.

In expressing appreciation of the Indiana committee, comprised of E. J. Williams, Indianapolis, chairman; Walter E. Biggs, South Bend; O. B. Chambers, Kokomo and Pat Hess, Fort Wayne, Mr. Flynn said that special credit is due Michael J. Healy of Chicago, chairman of the conference, and James R. Hoffa, Detroit, chairman of the negotiating committee.

The new contract, as reported previously in this paper and more fully explained by Mr. Flynn in the current "International Teamster," provides for the establishment of a health and welfare fund to be created exclusively out of employers' contributions of \$1 per week for each employee covered by the contract and in addition increases pay of the employee by 8 cents an hour for the first year and 5 cents more the second year, with mileage increase of 1/4 cent per mile the first year and 1/8 cent the second.

Mr. Flynn declared that a state-wide city freight agreement is a must for the near future. He praised the oil committee, headed by Clyde B. Birdsong, Evansville (215) for obtaining the best contract for all of Indiana, outside Lake and Porter counties, of any state in this area.

He conferred with Edward T. Carlson of Indianapolis (716) chairman of a committee on Open Road Construction and Walter E. Biggs of South Bend on the probability of obtaining a blanket contract for road workers which would be practicable in all parts of the state.

Mr. Flynn explained why the International joined with two other AFL organizations—the Laundry Workers International Union and the International Association of Cleaning and Dye House Workers—in signing a contract last March with the Indianapolis Cleaners' and Launderers' Club.

This contract must be approved by members in the pending NLRB election, he said, or the situation will revert to chaotic conditions of former years and become more of a headache than ever for everyone concerned, including the sales drivers and inside workers.

Speaking at some length about President H. J. Zolg of the Indiana Conference he expressed regret that ill health will prevent Mr. Zolg's re-election to that office.

President Daniel J. Tobin's executive assistant then told the conference about his boss, his character and policies, and explained why Daniel J. Tobin will never grow old or less masterful in the Brotherhood of Teamsters.

In behalf of President Tobin and the International Executive Board, Mr. Flynn wished the Indiana Conference a Happy New Year.

State Oil Committee Gets Best Blanket Contract In This Area

The State Oil Committee in a state-wide agreement of the Indiana Conference of Teamsters has obtained \$4 per week increase for all drivers in its jurisdiction

with the shippers of crude oil which is conceded to be the best contract of its kind ever obtained in this area.

Details of the contract were reported to the conference by C. B. Birdsong of Evansville, chairman, who explained that the new contract is supplementary to an agreement with the shippers which expires November 1, 1950.

This agreement, he said, was subject to opening for wage negotiations as of Nov. 1, 1949.

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Chambers, Joe Re-Elected by Joint Council

O. B. Chambers of Kokomo, president of Joint Council 69 of the Teamsters; Leo Bauer, Indianapolis (233) vice-president, and E. J. Williams, Indianapolis (135) secretary - treasurer, were re-elected to office for another year, at the council meeting in 28 West North street, Dec. 23.

William Coakley of Terre Haute Union No. 144 was elected recording secretary to succeed Bert Wheat of the same local, who declined re-election for business reasons.

Nominations were made by Ed Heffner of Local 233, seconded by Edward T. Carlson, president of Local 716. No opposition being forthcoming the officers named were declared elected.

New Contracts For Local 144

William Coakley, business representative of Teamsters Union No. 144, Terre Haute, told the Indiana Conference of Teamsters December 23 that his union has consummated a new furniture contract, receiving 5 cents an hour increase for members employed by the companies.

A 6-cent increase for Hulman Co. drivers was reported by Jack Reynolds, also of Local 144.

Bert Wheat reported an agreement between Local 144 and the International Harvester Co. covering mechanics employed there.

KATZ WINS KENNEY CO.

RICHMOND—Teamsters Local 691 headed by James K. Katz, has won a NLRB election at the C. D. Kenney Co. here.

3000 of No. 135 Get Benefits

Three thousand over-the-road drivers, city freight haulers and dock men in Indianapolis will benefit by the health and welfare clause now being worked out for them in Chicago by the Central States Negotiating Committee.

The committee is investigating plans offered by 28 insurance companies and is expected to announce the plan accepted after January 21.

As explained previously in this paper, the master agreement carrying the clause, also 8-5 cent increase, was reached for over-the-road drivers, by the Central States Negotiating Committee.

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Teamsters Urged To Gompers Rally

Speaking at the conference of Indiana Teamsters, Pat Hess urged members of the Teamsters Union in Indiana to attend a big Gompers Rally to be held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Jan. 21-22.

The highlight of the two-day meeting will be the Gompers Centenary Dinner scheduled for Saturday evening, Jan. 21. Wives of union members are invited to attend. Tickets for the banquet are \$3. They can be obtained from the Federation office in Indianapolis.

Morales of 716 Stops Bad Fire

For risking his life to avert a conflagration and destruction of a wooden warehouse, filled with inflammable materials, Roy Morales, of Teamsters Union No. 716 has received a financial reward and citation of merit from the Ready Mixed Concrete Corp.

The accident occurred December 21 at the company's yards, 1100 Burdsal Parkway, where Morales was gasing his truck. According to Johnny Baker, chief dispatcher, an explosion caused the truck to burst aflame. The nozzle of the gas hose caught and was spraying everything in its path, threatening even the tank beneath with 5,000 gallons, but more certainly the wooden warehouse.

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Benefit for Widow

Mrs. Virginia Corder, widow of Hubbie Corder, formerly of Teamsters Union No. 716, who died at his home, 910 Burdsal Pky., November 26 last, has received the \$1,000 death benefit carried by the group insurance plan of his union.

Mr. Corder died of a heart attack, suffered while employed by the A. W. Brayton Trucking Co. He had been a member of the union since 1946.

LOCAL 716 MEETING NIGHTS

General Meeting—Last Friday each month.

Riggers and Heavy Haulers—Second Wednesday each month.

Individual Owner Operators—First Wednesday each month.

All members are urged to attend the General Meeting of January for important announcements affecting the entire membership.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL 233

Officers and trustees of Teamsters Union No. 233 wish all members of this Local and their families a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Make Mine 3-6-9

By D. E. MAHONEY

The next regular meeting of this Local Union will be held Sunday, January 8, 1950, at the City Hall in Muncie.

The agreement covering mechanics at Tarbet Trucking and McLain Trucking has just been completed. Pay increases of 10 cents per hour for the first year and 5 cents per hour for the second year.

We urge all our members to patronize the French Steam Dye Works, the only union cleaning establishment in Muncie.

Our congratulations to Brother Arthur Rector who is a proud papa of a new baby girl. Art has been a member of this local for 14 years and drives for Tarbet Trucking. This is the first child in the family.

We are now in negotiations with the Court Supply Co. of Muncie covering their coal and building supply operation. We expect to wind up negotiations next week.

Brother A. A. (Doc) Laymon of Andrews, Ind., was injured in a truck-auto accident December 2 at the intersection of Roads 224 and 18 near Fostoria, Ohio. Brother Laymon is home from the hospital now. From his description of the accident, he is very lucky to be alive to tell about it, as he was badly scratched and bruised but lucky to have no broken bones.

At a meeting of the Marion Central Labor Union on December 8, Brother Willis Thomas, our Marion representative, was elected treasurer of the Marion Central Labor Union to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Alvin Barrett who is leaving the field of organized labor to go in business for himself. Mr. Barrett had been treasurer of the Marion Central Labor Union for 27 years.

Brother Hershel Moore of Marion has a broken back as the result of an accident with his car over at Anderson a few weeks ago. His wife was with him at the time of the accident but escaped injury.

JOINT OVER-ROAD COMMITTEE ORDERS PASQUALE PAY DRIVER

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to drive an over-loaded tractor and a truck that is ready to fall apart. I had been driving this truck as long as I had been working here, with the exception of one month.

"The left side door can not be opened without falling off. The only thing holding it is the bottom hinge. The windshield on the left side is all broken loose and when it rains I get all wet. The door on the right side is sagging and the glass is all broken, a piece came out of it from trying to shut it. There is no heater in it that is working.

"In general, I haven't had a decent break since I have been there. All I ask is a decent truck so I can make a living wage."

Wilkes Wins Decision

The matter of a member of Teamsters Local 298 who was given one week's "vacation" without pay for having an accident was threshed out at length in a discussion of: What is a chargeable accident?

The mishap had occurred at a stop light in Chicago, and three cars had stopped in line, the Teamster in his tractor-trailer being No. 3. After they started on the green light, No. 1 stopped so suddenly that No. 2, a bread truck, banged into it and the tractor-trailer, a few feet behind the bread truck banged into the bread truck.

E. C. Wilkes, secretary-treasurer of Local 298 demanded that his member be reimbursed for the six days layoff, on the theory that he was entirely without fault. The company maintained it had imposed the penalty in its crusade for careful driving.

The committee voted to reduce the penalty by three days and both sides agreed.

Representing the Teamsters at the meeting additional to E. J. Williams, O. B. Chambers, recording secretary and E. C. Wilkes, were P. J. Mahoney of Local 369, Walter E. Biggs, of South Bend, and Pat Hess, of Fort Wayne.

Best Blanket Oil Agreement In Area Obtained by Committee

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Mr. Birdsong explained that his committee was hampered in its efforts to obtain the increase by the fact that the scale paid in neighboring states for the same work was less than that prevailing at the time in Indiana. Nevertheless, he said, the committee held out and got the increase.

A condition of the agreement, he said, was a guarantee by his committee that

all unions in the state, excluding Lake and Porter counties not involved, would enforce the contract.

Members of the oil committee assisting Mr. Birdsong were: Charles Millers, Vincennes Local 417; E. J. Williams, Indianapolis, 135; Jack Reynolds, Terre Haute, 144; E. C. Wilkes, Michigan City, 298, and O. B. Chambers, Kokomo, 759, secretary.

Milk Drivers Elect In Gary

GARY—The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 835, IBT, have elected John Garrett president. Other 1950 officers are: Knezevich, vice-president; Frank Zudock, secretary-treasurer; trustees, Edwin Miller, Harry Jenkins and John Conroy.

Joseph J. Jadrank is business representative and James Coady is his assistant.

TAXI DRIVER'S KIN KILLED IN OKLAHOMA

EVANSVILLE—Victor Henke, son of Mrs. Anna Henke, Stendal, and brother of Ezra Henke, Yellow Taxicab Driver and member of the Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11, was killed in an explosion and fire in Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. Henke was an employee at the Tulsa Refiners. Four other workmen were injured in the fire which caused \$1 million damage.

Evansville Driver Killed In Accident

EVANSVILLE—Woodrow Danhafer, age 31, driver for the Hargis Truck Lines and member of the Teamsters Union Local 215, who burned to death in a traffic accident and fire, was buried from the family residence in Dubois County.

The accident occurred about 11:30 o'clock December 11 when the truck ran off the road and overturned in a ditch about five miles south of Huntingburg. The body was burned beyond recognition in a fire which destroyed the truck and its 20,000 pounds of assorted merchandise.

The tractor was so crumpled it had to be pulled from the ditch before Mr. Danhafer's body could be removed. The tractor was still aflame when pulled up the bank to the highway by a wrecker.

Mr. Danhafer, who served five years in the European theater, had been driving for the local company since July.

State troopers believe he was knocked unconscious in the crash.

He is survived by his wife, Adleen; one son, Billy Gene, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Danhafer; one brother, Paul, and one sister, Mrs. Hilda Mathews.

Evansville No. 11 Elects Officers

EVANSVILLE—In an election December 19, Taxicab Drivers Local 11 of the Teamsters re-elected William Marshall president for three years.

James Scott was elected vice-president and Martin Winniger recording secretary.

Lloyd Rhoads was re-elected secretary-treasurer, a position he has held for nine consecutive years.

C. B. Taylor was elected three-year trustee, to serve with Maurice Whalhouse and Robert Ohning, holdover trustees.

Clyde Birdsong Is Renominated

EVANSVILLE—Among those nominated for offices in the Building and Construction Trades Council at the December 6 meeting was:

Clyde Birdsong, Chauffeurs and Teamsters 215, president.

Nominations will be open until the first meeting in January, when officers will be elected.

11 Pinched for Overweight On 31

SEYMOUR—State police have announced that a drive against overweight trucks netted 11 arrests at a weighing station on United States 31 east of here.

One truck driver pleaded guilty to a charge of operating his vehicle 5,500 pounds overweight, police said. He was fined \$542.55 in Jackson Circuit Court.

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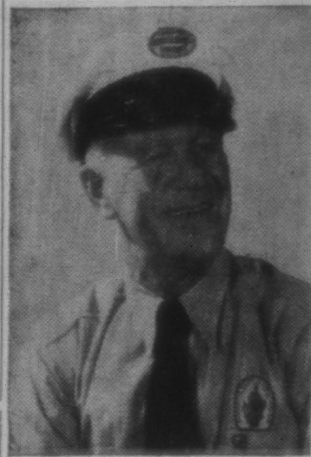
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Swede Carlbom In Hospital; Now Home and Recovering

Following a collapse in Santa Fe, New Mexico on Thanksgiving Day, Swede Carlbom, of Mayflower, is convalescing at his home in Chicago and expects to be back on his van after January 1, according to a letter he wrote recently to Maurice Day of Teamsters Local 193.



It appears that he was seized with a terrific pain in his left side, at 5 o'clock in the morning, as he was preparing to shove off.

"I managed to scramble to the highway, where I dropped," he relates. "A good Samaritan truck driver in passing stopped and picked me up and rushed me to St. Vincent's Hospital."

The teller of tales goes on to tell this true one about his experience, in part thus:

"My clothes were jerked off and a large nightshirt pulled over my head. I looked like hell. The Sisters gave me some shots in the rump with no effect. Not until the Doc came did I get ease from the awful pain. The Doc said it was gravel in the kidneys—not the gravel they use in mixing concrete.

"They gave me wonderful good care, thanks to a telegram from Mayflower, and come Saturday I felt very fine and eager to escape. As I had found my clothes in a downstairs locker, white cap, red shirt, etc., the Doc found me fully dressed in bed and had no choice but to release me—reluctantly, with a warning for me to take it easy.

"On orders from Indianapolis I rode home with Angie, whose name is August Wolf and who was glad to be routed through Chicago. Now I am home with that beloved lady of mine for a rest until after New Year's. And I am having a beautiful homelife with breakfast in bed, the lady sitting by my side reading 'Mother Goose' stories."

THANKS FROM SWEDE

Swede Carlbom wishes to thank the officers and members of Teamsters Union No. 193 for the handsome Mexican-made brief case recently presented to him.

Morales of 716 Stops Bad Fire

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house a few feet away, stored with lumber, tires, building materials.

Morales tumbled out of his cab and rolled over and over on the ground to extinguish his burning clothing, then ran into the flames and shut off the automatic valve of the tank. Fortunately he escaped with a slight burn on his right forearm and hair singed on both temples, back of the neck and singed eyebrows.

Congratulations are extended by Edward T. Carlson, president, and other officers of Local 716.

Special Auto Plates Issued Disabled Vets

Secretary of State Charles F. Fleming has urged Hoosier motorists to aid disabled war veteran motorists on the highway.

Mr. Fleming made the plea for aid as the state began distributing special license plates for disabled Hoosier veterans.

The plates have the words "Disabled Vet" written in gold letters on the black background.

Mahlon Leach, director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, estimated that the state would distribute 600 of the special plates to veterans throughout the state.

Need for special plates for injured veterans was recognized by the 1949 session of the state legislature. The legislators passed a bill authorizing the plates.

With the aid of the Indiana Disabled Veterans of America, Mr. Fleming and other state officials urged legislators to pass the special plate bill.

Under provisions of the state law, the license plates are available to war wounded veterans who have suffered the loss of one or both feet. Veterans desiring the plates, must receive a qualifying certificate from the Veterans Administration.

Mr. Fleming said the plates were easily recognizable on the highway and would enable motorists to go to the aid of the disabled veterans if they have mechanical or tire trouble.

Always ask for the Union Label because it is a reminder to the merchant that you will continue to demand it until you get it on all merchandise.

Welfare Given 3000 of No. 135 In Agreements

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States Conference of Teamsters. Later Teamsters Local 135, headed by E. J. Williams and Fred Marshall obtained a similar agreement for its city freight workers.

Other locals which followed the over-the-road pattern in concluding city freight agreements include No. 364, South Bend and No. 543, Lafayette. No. 634 Columbus and Bloomington members will receive the benefit after the first year of the two-year contract.

Other No. 135 Contracts
Teamsters Union No. 135 has settled satisfactorily with the Armored Trucking Co. for its members.

This union also has obtained substantial increases for 15 gasoline drivers, mechanics employed in city freight garages and soft drink drivers.

Mike Carries On —On Crutches

GARY—Michael Sawochka, business representative of Local 142, General Drivers' union, who suffered a broken ankle is back at work with the aid of crutches.

Sawochka broke his ankle in a fall during the heavy snows in front of his house.

AFL officers and members in this area combined to wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

Evansville Local Signs City Freight

EVANSVILLE—A new contract has been signed between Teamsters Local No. 215 and representatives of local trucking concerns, following three weeks of negotiations. The contract will run until January 31, 1952.

Announcement of the signing of the contract was made by Clyde B. Birdsong, president of the union, W. L. Swain, Jr., chairman of the operators negotiating committee and Arthur D. Ingles, federal mediation service representative who sat in on negotiations Monday night for the first time.

Up to Date with Local No. 188

By CLARA WILHELM

Local No. 188 played host Saturday night, Dec. 16, to its stewards and their wives, its officers and their wives, and to other personalities closely connected with the union at the Annual Steward's party, held in 28 West North St.

The party began with a buffet supper. On the serving line was C. E. Davis, Mrs. L. W. Bea, Mrs. Charles Brown and Mrs. Minnie Conduff.

The bartender in the soft drink department was Robbie Davis, assisted by Vice-President Dick Kinnaman and Steward Harry Doyle. Hostess Cake, all doing excellent jobs.

After everyone had been served and comfortably relaxed in the hall, they were welcomed by Brother Charles Brown, steward at National Biscuit Co., who then introduced President C. E. Davis.

President Davis introduced his wife, who deserves great credit for making the party the success that it was, and his "small son," Robbie. Also his sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Conduff.

William Herr, with the International Laundry Workers Union, acknowledged his introduction, and in his talk stressed the importance of the Teamsters, International Laundry Workers and International Cleaner Workers sticking together.

Attorney Lynn G. Miles and his attractive wife were next introduced. President C. E. Davis then presented Attorney Miles with a check in appreciation for his cooperation during the past year.

One of our honored guests was Mrs. O. V. Keller, widow of our former secretary-treasurer, who was accompanied by her son, Brother Ed Keller and his wife. Fred entertained us with selections on his Hawaiian guitar. He was accompanied by Brother Glen Sheridan who played a guitar.

Attorney Miles then presented a check to President Davis, in half of the local, and talked briefly on the labor picture as it now stands. He urged all the Teamsters with the laundries and cleaners to be present to impress upon their men the importance of their serious consideration to the coming election. He reminded them that through the contract signed last March, they now have a foot on the door, and that the contract now in effect guarantees them ten years of peace in those organizations.

He then brought up the matter of picket lines, such as the line around Galyan's Market at present, and declared that as a matter of principle no good union man would cross them.

He explained briefly the value of our death benefit plan which pays to all widows \$800 upon death of any member, and further aids her members who need financial assistance in times of stress.

Brother John Newman, steward at Excelsior Laundry, was called upon next. Brother Newman has been employed at Excelsior for 31 years, and is the Chaplain of our Local. He turned our thoughts to a spiritual side, relating to us the meaning of Christmas, wherein the Christ Child was born. He said we were gathered here tonight to celebrate His birthday, which is drawing near. He then closed with beautiful prayer.

Henry Hassell, our custodian, was presented with a check and extended Merry Christmas greetings.

President Davis, assisted by Brother Bea, secretary-treasurer, presented the following stewards, most of whom were accompanied by their wives, with their checks:

Henry Oltman—Blue Valley Creamery.
Glimford Barton—Dolly Madison Cake.
Fred Roberts and Roy Woods—Friedhofer Baking Co.
Ed Rigenberger—Home Made Pie Co.
Harry Doyle—Hostess Cake.
Alfred Bruder—Kraft Foods, Inc.
Wm. Rusie—Maplehurst Pie Co.
Charles Brown—National Biscuit Co.
Carl Newkirk—Omar, Transport.
Wm. Bradford—Omar, Flour Haulers.
Edward Wilson—Omar, Lafayette.
Charles Dillon—Perfection Biscuit (Cracker).
Robert Underwood—Sawyer Biscuit Co.
Earl Connelly—Ward Baking Co.
Lloyd Evans—West Baking Co.
James Stroup—West Baking Co. (Mechanics).
Hiram Cole—Borden-Furnas Ice Cream Co.
LeRoy Dyer—Borden-Furnas Ice Cream Co.
Glen Sheridan—Borden-Furnas Ice Cream Co.
Luther Barbee, C. N. Barton, Charles Beeson, Cecil Burgett, Edward Click, Robert King, Norman Marsh—Polk Milk Co.
Roscoe Little—Atlas Coverall, Baby's Di-Dee and Commercial Towel.

Glenn Hendrixson—Center Cleaners.
Elda Hockersmith—Clean Cleaners and Schoen Bros.
Frank Langer—Crown Laundry.
Gordon Lewis—Darko Cleaners.
Herschel Woods—Davis Cleaners.
Kenneth Quinn—Demaree Cleaners.
John Newman—Excelsior Laundry.
Jeddie Monroe—Fame Laundry.
Robert Pritchard—Fashion Cleaners.
Sam Kennedy—Gregg Cleaners.
Jack Mullikin—Paul Krass Laundry.
John Breedlove—Mechanics Laundry.
Dean Henry—Frank Selmier Towel Supply.
Theodore Frakes—Sterling Laundry.
Richard Skiles—Swiss Cleaners.
Bryson Weaver—Tiffany Laundry.
Carl Harris—Tuchman & Son Cleaners.
Myron Milender—Victory Cleaners.
Edward Huffer—Woodruff Cleaners.
Cletus Stenger—Zimmerman, Inc.

Other guests present were Dick Pritchard and wife, and Thomas Davis and wife, representing Colonial Baking Co.

Arriving late, due to a labor meeting of his own in Bedford, was George Freije, with the Bakery and Confectionery Workers, and with him Miss Frances Mabrey.

Paul Elzia, business representative, and wife also were present. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Maris. Brother Maris is the newly appointed steward at Purity Baking Co.

The officers and their wives present were George Oakley and wife. Brother Oakley is a newly elected trustee and is also steward at Regan Baking Co. George Dugger and Mrs. Dugger. Brother Dugger is a newly elected trustee. Recording Secretary Walter Meyers and Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Walter Schneider, who accompanied Brother Walter Schneider. Brother Schneider is also a trustee.

The evening, following the distribution of checks, was devoted to dancing and getting acquainted. It was a gay evening and wound up with all wishing one another season's greetings. To those who weren't able to attend, we are sorry and you were missed.

HANCOCK LINES HAS PARTY FOR SAFE DRIVERS

EVANSVILLE — Dr. Sterling Shaw of Purdue university was special speaker at the combined safety honor award meeting and Christmas party given at Hotel Vendome by the Hancock Truck Lines, Inc., for its drivers, members of the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215, December 18.

Following are the drivers who had awards presented during the year and the length of service without chargeable accidents:

Twelve Years — Tom Comer, Harry Hallmark, Edwin Titzer.

Nine Years — Bernard Whalen.

Seven Years — Russell Linx-wiler.

Six Years — Carl Comer, Norman Plump.

Five Years — Elmer Buttrum, Hollis Carlisle.

Four Years — James Buchanan, Sylvester Schnell, William Pullum, Ural Cates.

Three Years — Harry Brown, Luther Bruner, Joe Huddleston.

Two Years — Andy Ayes, Pete Hawkins, Allen Lewis, James McDonald, Arthur Meeks, Jack Meeks, Lawrence Morrow, Alvin C. Williams, Warren Strome.

One Year — Edward Boehme, Earl Fleming, Harold Freeman, Lyman Gasaway, Joe Gilmore, John Grandcolas, Harold Gray, Carl Head, R. A. Huls, Harry Kneir, Charles Minton, William Mueller, James Walker, Ernest Risley, Joe Shelton, Pete Smith, Lester Stephens, T. R. Tanner, Marion Wasson, Roy Wright, Lester Abney, Carl Kimble, Roscoe Redmon.

Six Months — Truman Bradshaw, Charles First, Odie Maddox, Robert Newbold, Ray Scales, Lester Sherman.

The drivers following received awards December 22:

Seven Years — William Patmore, James Allen.

Four Years — Omer Samples, Charles Taylor.

Three Years — James Holden, James Mauer, Otis Whittler, Mrs. Roy Willershausen, Grant Wheatley, Robert Phipps.

Two Years — Edward Heuer, Gordon Abell, Jerome Gander, William Henning, Harold Peck, Stanford White.

One Year — Aaron Eapmon, John Franklin, Kermit Hunley, Joseph Lipe, A. Hoyt Underwood, Charles Gibbs, Gordon Goodwin, Paul Martin, Joe St. Pierre, James Whittledge, William Lindsey, Charles Edens, Orval Kennedy.

Six Months — James Sivells, Ivan Stocker, Paul VanMeter.

21 Mayflower Drivers Listed

The December multiple application for no-accident awards submitted to the American Trucking Assn., Ind. by the Aero Mayflower Transit Co., shows a total of 21 van operators who have a clear record totaling 40 years of driving.

The list, certified by R. J. Magnus, safety director, contains the following names, and years of accident-free driving:

Robert B. Reynolds, 2; Arlie E. Harmon, 1; Edward Bowers, 5; Landmon G. Bengel, 1; Robert Flory, 3; David E. Goings, 1; Harry J. Hill, 3; John Crews, 2; Wayne C. Pullum, 4; James V. Morton, 1; Vernon E. West, 1; Louie E. Pearl, 1; Robinson N. Scott, 1; Howard Overbeck, 3; Loren R. Parrott, 1; Claude McGaughey, 2; Arthur H. Magan, 1; Vernon M. Austin, 2; Bernard Tiemeyer, 1; Joe G. Gaines, 2; Leo A. Hurm, 2.

Coakley Named To Fund Board

TERRE HAUTE — William Coakley, of Teamster Local No. 144, has been named to replace Fred Mason on the board of directors of the Community Chest. Mr. Mason resigned because of conflict with his work.

Mayflower Hero Publicized When Named Driver of Month



Considerable publicity has been given to Herschel Wethington, only Mayflower driver to be selected as "Driver of the Month."

Accounts of his heroism have appeared in Nevada, Missouri newspapers, "the Fifth Wheel," official publication of the Indiana Motor Truck Assn., which made the selection, and the "Mayflower Afrogram," which is published by the company.

Wethington is a member of Teamsters Union No. 193. He works out of the Indianapolis headquarters of the Mayflower Co. but lives in Merrimac, Ky. He has driven more than 400,000 accident-free miles, over a period of six years.

His selection as "Driver of the Month" for October makes him eligible for the "Driver of the Year" award of the Indiana association and further, if selected by Indiana, for the national "Driver of the Year," designation by the American Trucking Assn.

According to published accounts, Wethington was driving his van on Highway 71, on the evening of September 24 last. Just south of Nevada, Mo., he came upon a wreck, caused by the smashing of a pick-up truck into

the rear of a Ford car. The Ford was ablaze and three men were trapped inside.

Braving death, Wethington applied his fire extinguisher sufficiently to enable him to pull the three men out of the blazing wreckage. Then giving his name to state police officers only as a witness, and not revealing his heroic act, he departed.

After worrying for days over the fate of these three victims, he wrote from Boise, Idaho, to the Missouri state police for information about them.

Whereupon the Nevada newspaper headlined "Mystery of Wreck's Good Samaritan Is Revealed," and said in part:

"Speculation over the identity of the unknown motorist who rescued three men from a wrecked and burning automobile near here nine days ago was solved today."

"A letter from an Indiana truck driver to state patrolmen here cleared up the mystery as to who rescued Elijah T. Dark, Kenneth Oiler and Russell Spoor and then left the accident scene without telling officers of his heroic act."

"The motorist's name is given as H. Wethington of Indianapolis, care Mayflower Co."

News Notes from Local 193

By F. D. OWENS

A good pal of every driver passed away when Victor "Fibber" McGee passed into the great beyond. A nice letter was received by the Aero Mayflower Transit Co. from his wife, thanking all the drivers for their kindness and flowers.

Bill Knose is home recuperating from an appendicitis operation and is looking good and hopes soon to be back out on the road.

A general meeting was held in December by Local 193. We would like all your opinions about changing the meeting night, so that more of you would have a chance to attend.

A plug for "Nick" Ancil—"Nicum" to you Mayflower boys! Nick is now making leather goods and would be happy to show you his work when you are in Indianapolis.

I read a pretty nice verse the other day and I quote: "A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats his fellow men" or something to that affect. Anyway, look how easy it is to be a great man shows his greatness by the way he treats his fellow men"

Mm-Mm-GOOD!

FORT WAYNE — George W. Gillie, who served in the Fourth District in Congress from 1938 until his defeat in 1948 by Democrat Edward H. Kruse, Jr., announced this week that "I do not choose to run again."

BURSLEY GIVES RAISE

Pat Hess of Teamsters Local 414, Fort Wayne reported to the December 23 meeting of the Indiana Conference of Teamsters that he has signed an agreement with the Bursley Warehouse there giving 10 to 40 cents an hour increases to 52 members of his union.

GENERAL MEETING LOCAL 188 ELECTS TRUSTEES



JOINT BOARD ASKS PASQUALE TO PAY DRIVER

The Indiana Joint Over-the-Road committee, headed by E. J. Williams for the Teamsters and P. A. Amato for the operators, voted December 22 to demand lost wages for R. W. Bobbs, who was fired by the Pasquale Trucking Co. of Logansport for refusing to drive what he claimed was an over-loaded, under-conditioned tractor-trailer truck.

Bobbs is a member of Teamsters Local 759 and his grievance was brought before the board by O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of the local.

Pay demanded will be for the time between Bobbs' dismissal by Pasquale and the date he went to work for the Kain Motor Freight Co.

Decision was rendered by default, Pasquale having failed on two occasions to answer Bobbs' charges, which were:

"I was fired for refusing

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No. 759 Signs General Tire

KOKOMO—A new contract just signed by Teamsters Union No. 759 with the General Tire Co. of Wabash and Logansport increases the welfare fund for members employed on the docks, and in the receiving and shipping departments and adjusts wages in the shipping department, retroactive to December 11, 1949.

O. B. Chambers, union secretary-treasurer, says that his local also has concluded an agreement with Shell Transport giving the members increased welfare benefits and more pay. This contract, he said, was signed jointly with Teamsters Union No. 298, Michigan City.

AFL Will Win NLRB Laundry Vote—Or Else!

Eight hundred sales drivers and inside employees of the major laundries and dry cleaning plants in Indianapolis met in the K. of C. auditorium, December 20, to express enthusiasm for the AFL unions in the coming NLRB election.

Pictures shown of the Excelsior Laundry strike told what will happen in Indianapolis if the AFL loses and is forced to fight for union stabilization.

Clyde McCormack, CLU; C. E. Davis, Teamsters; Richard Rochester, Dry Cleaners, and Walter Smith, Laundry Workers, addressed the meeting.

On December 21 the CIO held a meeting of 246 workers who had been fired, and were acclaimed in the "Indianapolis Star" attempting to start trouble in the industry, as a "mass meeting."

LaMaster New 644 President

The snows came to Bloomington, Ind., on the third Monday night in November and Herman LaMaster was elected president of Teamsters Union No. 694 for five years. This is what two events had to do with each other:

After the union meeting and election of officers in the Labor Temple, 206 South Main St., President LaMaster went out into the blizzard with other members and only realized after the front door had snapped shut that he had left his overcoat, hat and ear muffs inside.

As no one left had a key the only thing to do, if he wasn't to freeze, was to turn burglar and break in to get his clothing. Which he did, via window.

Other officers elected were Drexel De Ford, Bloomington,

Meeting in the Elks Club hall in the Hotel Antlers, December 6, 800 members of Bakery, Laundry, Dairy Employees and Sales Drivers Local Union No. 188, Indianapolis, headed by C. E. Davis, elected two new trustees and transacted other business looking to the welfare and growth of the organization.

The trustees elected were George Oakley, for three years, and George Dugger, to fill the unexpired term of William Smythe, who retired because of ill health.

Mrs. Joe Williams Plays Santa To Children of Former Teamster

Many late Christmas shoppers who saw three happy children touring an Indianapolis department store wondered who the smart looking lady was who was buying them new clothing for inside and out and from head to foot.

In the toy department the children got everything they wanted and without waiting to have all their new purchases wrapped, started playing with them right there. And people giggled to see a nine-year-old boy beating a drum and his two little sisters carrying unwrapped dolls out of the store.

The youngsters were fed and ice creamed, etc., etc.—they really hit a jack-pot. They were the children of a former long-time member of Teamsters Union No. 135, who had met with an accident and is now unemployed.

Their Santa Claus was Mrs. Mary Williams, owner of the Princeton Hotel and wife of Joe Williams, head of Local 135, a good scout, who was doing her good deed for a day—the day before Christmas.

27 Accident-Free Drivers of Local 144 are Honored

TERRE HAUTE—Twenty-seven members of Teamsters Union No. 144 here have received recognition for driving without chargeable accident for periods ranging from 1 to 13 years, from the two companies by which they are employed.

Motor Freight Corp. gave Kenneth Collins an award and a cigarette lighter for his 13 years of accident-free operations; and Eugene Craig, an award and key chain for 11 years.

Other drivers awarded by this company, according to Bert L. Wheat of the union, were:

Harold Lockhart, 8 year award.
Cornie Banta, 4 year.
Harold Heacox, 2 year.
George Neff, 2 year.
Robert Switzer, 2 year.
George Fulton, 2 year.
Marshall Wilson, 2 year.

John Lewis, 2 year.
Logan Wright, 1 year.
Harold Bridges, 1 year.
George Davis, 1 year.
Robert Tyler, 1 year.
Clarence Thomas, 1 year.
Wilbur McCoskey, 1 year.

The awards were presented by Bill Allen, Safety Director for Motor Freight Corp., at a Joint Safety Meeting at the Teamsters' Building, 125 South 8th street, Terre Haute, December 4.

The Green Line Motor Express Co. presented safety awards at a joint meeting at the Teamsters' office.

Awards were presented by Al Carle of the U. S. Casualty Co. Ted Bauer, president of Green Line, congratulated the drivers on the fine safety record.

Awards were presented to the following members of Local 144:
Harold S. Taylor, 5 years.
James P. Randall, 2 years.
James Price, 2 years.
Robert Randolph, 1 year.
James Wagner, 1 year.

CHRISTMAS BONUS

EVANSVILLE—Ice Service, Inc., employees, including those who man the ice delivery wagons, members of the Ice Men's Local No. 582, have received bonuses totaling \$43,000 for Christmas spending.

FLASH! MORGAN DRIVERS SIGN WITH UNION

Truck drivers of the Scott County Packing Co. have become organized and have signed application cards for membership in the Teamsters Union—Local No. 89 of Louisville, Ky., headed by Pat Ansbaury.

These drivers have voted in two elections conducted by the National Labor Relations Board to be represented by the Teamsters Union in all collective bargaining agreements respecting their wages and working conditions and also for a union shop.

This action was reported to the Indiana Conference of Teamsters by Thomas E. Flynn, assistant to the president, Dec. 23 in the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis.

Mr. Flynn stated that all that remains now to end the long-existing feud between the International Brotherhood and the house of Morgan is signing of a contract, and he expressed hope that a good agreement can be reached speedily.

The Scott County Packing Co., one of the largest canneries anywhere, was founded by Ivan Morgan, political leader and bulwark against organized labor in southern Indiana. Since his death the mantle of running the huge plant and also the Ninth Congressional District has descended upon his son, Ivan Morgan, Jr.